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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application. A copy of the Japanese Examination Report, including the translation, is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

English abstracts are attached to the listed foreign-language references, with the exception of documents JP 9-323605 and JP 2000-507526, which an US Counterpart Application has been listed thereof. The absence of full English language translations or equivalent documents does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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